spent on the same;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the target of percentage of the children fixed to provide education under the scheme by the end of current Five Year Plan; and

(e) whether the programme is being implemented successfully as per the fixed target?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Saikia Committee in 1997 made an assessment of additional Rs. 40000 cores for elementary education over five years. The Tapas Majumdar Committee made an assessment of additional requirement of Rs. 1,37,000 crores for Universalisation of Elementary Education over a period of 10 years. By following cost effective and covergent approaches, it is likely that the requirement of funds would be lower than the assessment made by the Majumdar Committee.

(d) No target in terms of percentage of children to be provided education is fixed in the Five Year Plan.

(e) Most recent surveys indicate that more than 70% children in the 6—14 age group are attending schools.

Vocational Professional Education in Government Schools

1495. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote vocational/ professional education in all Government schools in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of central schemes sponsored for the purpose in different States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Consequent to priority accorded by National Policy on Education 1986 a Centrally

Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level is being implemented since 1988. The revised Scheme is in operation since 1992-93. Under the above scheme so far 6519 schools spread all over the country have been approved for implementation of the programme in the schools. More than 150 vocational courses in the six major disciplines of Engineering & Technology, Business & Commerce, Health & Paramedical, Home Sciences, Agriculture & Humanities are offered in these schools. The Scheme provides for survey, equipment, workshed, instructional material, training etc. Central scheme of the vocational courses is being run in different states on this pattern.

UGC Grants to Assam University

1496. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as reported in the Asian Age dated 15th June, 2000 the University Grants Commission has stopped grants to Assam University;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to restore the grants so that the University does not become totally disfunctional due to financial constraints?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Recognition of institutions for Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management

1497. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the requirements for recognition of institutions for imparting post graduate diplomas in Business Management;